

PEOPLE record federal agents as they prepare to enter a wholesale garment store in downtown Los Angeles.

## Tense standoff as immigration raids are reported across L.A.

Crowds gather in the Garment District to protest agents in riot gear

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In a show of force in the heart of Los Angeles, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents on Friday carried out a series of immigration sweeps, including two downtown that sparked tense standoffs.

Videos showed federal agents running after people in the parking lot of the Home Depot in Westlake,

not far from downtown Los Angeles. A man recording the video can be heard warning people in Spanish that immigration officials were at the location and to stay away.

Another raid occurred at a business in the Garment District, with agents in riot gear detaining workers at a clothing store as dozens of people began to gather outside. As workers were hauled off in cuffs, throngs of people yelled at the agents and held up cellphones to record

them, according to videos of the showdown. One person threw eggs at one of the vehicles as agents pushed members of the public back, the videos showed.

In the street, immigrant rights advocates stood on a bed of a truck, using megaphones to speak to the workers inside the store, reminding them of their constitutional rights and instructing them not to sign anything or say anything to federal agents. They also told the agents that lawyers wanted

access to the workers, and sometimes called out specific names.

"I want to talk to my clients Luis Lopez and Michel Garcia. We are here," one person could be heard saying. "The community is here with you. Your family is here with you."

Yasmeen Pitts O'Keefe, a spokesperson for Homeland Security Investigations, a branch of ICE, said federal agents in downtown Los Angeles were executing search [See ICE, A10]

## No surcharge on gas appliance sales, board says

South Coast AQMD votes against measure to reduce pollution that faced challenges.

BY TONY BRISCOE

On a 7-5 vote, the South Coast Air Quality Management District on Friday rejected controversial measures aimed at reducing air pollution by imposing surcharges that could make natural gas-powered water heaters and furnaces more expensive to buy.

In voting to deny the measures, AQMD board member Janet Nguyen said the rule would unnecessarily penalize people by raising the cost of household appliances.

"I, like everybody here, support clean air," said Nguyen, who also serves as an Orange County supervisor. "But we must also pursue environmental progress without punishing the very people we serve today. These rules don't target refineries or shipping ports. They target people, the 17 million homeowners, renters..."

Board member Holly Mitchell took the other side, saying the rules were needed to improve air quality in the nation's smoggiest air basin. "We have to make tough decisions on the greater good every day," Mitchell said. "I think that we have to do what we can as quickly as we can, to get into [air quality] attainment, to avoid federal penalties and to do what's in the best interest of the public's health."

The AQMD governing board's vote followed a warning Friday from Bill Es-

sayli, the U.S. attorney in Los Angeles, that any action to impede the use of domestic energy resources would face a legal challenge by his office.

"California regulators are on notice: if you pass illegal bans or penalties on gas appliances, we'll see you in court," Essayli said on X. "The law is clear—feds set energy policy, not unelected climate bureaucrats."

During a six-hour public hearing before the vote, environmental advocates favoring the measure squared off against Southern California Gas, the largest gas utility. [See Surcharge, A6]

## TRUMP'S BIG BILL FLAILS IN MUSK FALLOUT

The legislation had already faced strong headwinds in the Senate over spending.

BY MICHAEL WILNER

WASHINGTON — The clamorous end to President Trump's alliance with Elon Musk is increasing pressure on the White House over its signature legislation known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" — a bill under intense scrutiny in the Senate that Musk wants killed over its price tag, but that Trump views as critical to the success of his presidency.

The bill faces strong headwinds among senators across the Republican spectrum, including fiscal conservatives who say it authorizes unsustainable spending, as well as moderates who fear the consequences of offsetting costly tax breaks in the bill with steep cuts to Medicaid.

Sen. Ron Johnson, a Republican from Wisconsin among those seeking to decrease spending in the bill, told NPR this week that it has "no chance of passing" the Senate in its current form.

"It's easy to be the parent that says, 'We're going to go to Disney World.' It's hard to be the parent that says, 'yeah, but we can't afford it,'" Johnson told reporters Friday on Capitol Hill. "To get to yes, I need a commitment to return to a reasonable pre-pandemic level of spending."

Trump's relationship with Musk, the world's richest man and the largest Republican donor during the 2024 presidential campaign,

## Jury finds O.C.'s Spitzer retaliated against prosecutor

D.A. is found to have acted with malice against a high-ranking woman in the office.

BY SALVADOR HERNANDEZ

Orange County Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer harassed and retaliated against a high-ranking female prosecutor in his office after she raised concerns about his conduct and tried to protect other prosecutors who were sexually harassed by another superior, according to a jury verdict Thursday.

The jury, which heard the case in San Diego County to avoid potential conflicts, found Spitzer acted with

malice against Tracy Miller, who was at one point the highest-ranking woman in the prosecutor's office.

The jury also found that the county did not take reasonable steps to prevent workplace harassment, and took "adverse employment action" against Miller.

"Tracy Miller had the fortitude to resist the most powerful law enforcement person in the county, and she prevailed," John Barnett, Miller's attorney, said after the verdict was read. "It took a lot of courage, and the jury saw that she was right."

The county declined to comment on the verdict.

The jury found the county, Spitzer and former Chief Assistant Dist. Atty. Shawn Nelson liable for [See Spitzer, A7]



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## A SOMBER CELEBRATION

Palestinians gather for Eid al-Adha prayers beside the ruins of a mosque destroyed by Israeli bombardment in Deir al Balah, Gaza Strip. **WORLD, A3**

## Abrego Garcia returned to



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## What's News

### Business & Finance

◆ **The U.S. economy**, which weathered false recession alarms in 2023 and 2024, is entering an uncomfortable summer as businesses warn that shifting trade policies are interfering with their ability to plan, leading to hiring and investment freezes. **A1**

◆ **Wall Street's worst fears** that escalating tariffs could sink the global economy have receded, but anxieties about inflation remain. **B1**

◆ **"Ballerina,"** the action thriller distributed by Lionsgate, made its debut at No. 2, earning \$25 million at the weekend film box office. **B2**

◆ **The trade in dolls** made in China and exported to the U.S. remained undercut by Trump's tariffs as manufacturers looked toward the expiration of a temporary reduction in the duties imposed on Beijing. **B3**

◆ **A Chinese-owned company** is halting construction of an electric-vehicle battery plant in South Carolina, in part because of U.S. tariffs and a potential loss of federal subsidies for clean energy. **B3**

◆ **Food- and beverage-**container maker Stanley 1913 is broadening its focus from Utah to Europe and beyond as it develops a raft of products in new categories. **B6**

◆ **The SEC is considering** loosening longstanding rules that restrict private-equity investments to institutions and wealthy people, another step in its plans to broaden access to a fast-growing asset class. **B9**

### World-Wide

◆ **National Guard troops** arrived in Los Angeles on Trump's order after protests roiled the city in recent days as federal law-enforcement officers carried out immigration operations in the region. **A1**

◆ **A monthslong legal saga** entered a new phase after the Trump administration repatriated Kilmar Abrego Garcia to face criminal charges that he took part in an international smuggling ring with gang ties. **A3**

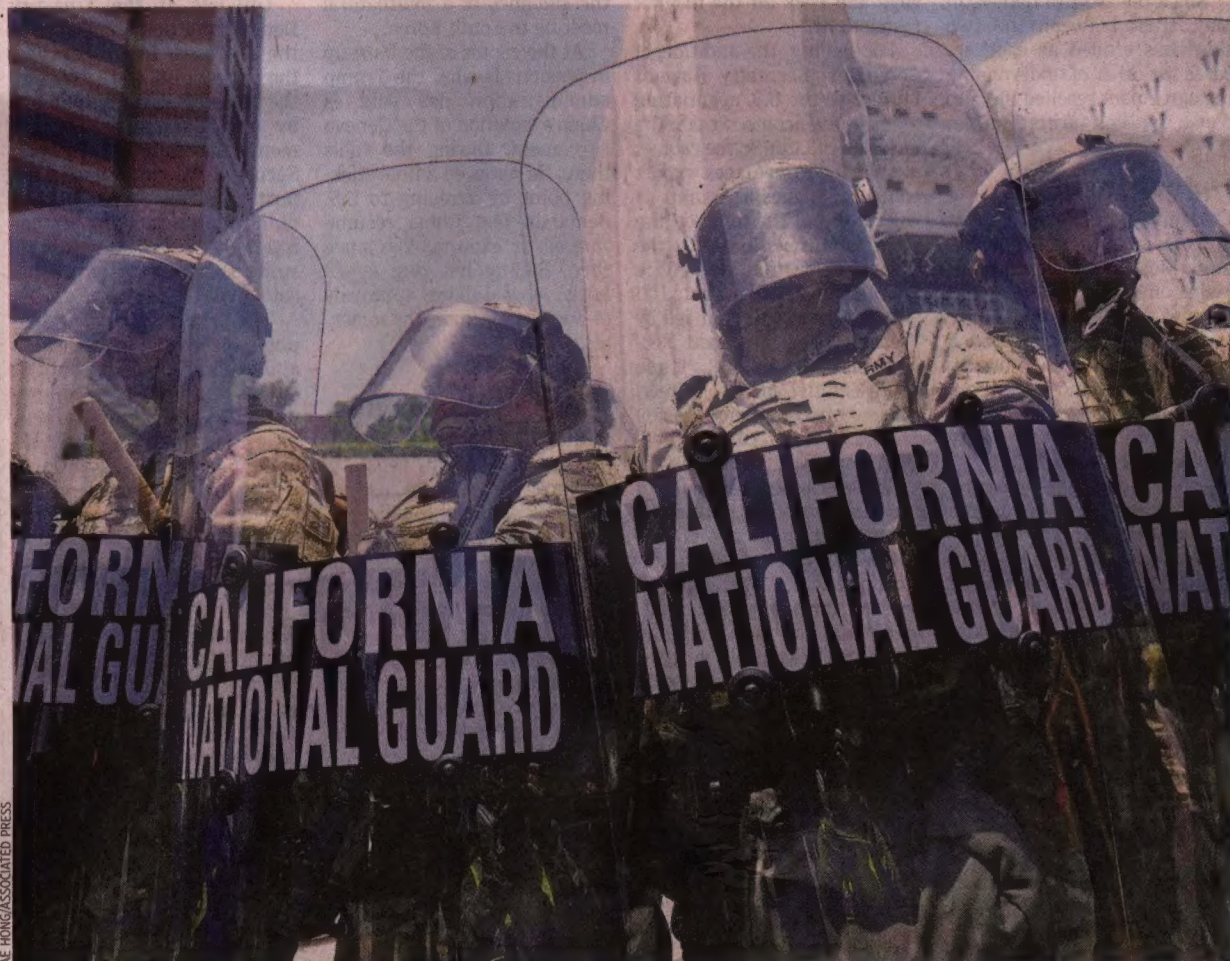
◆ **Trump warned** former right-hand-man Elon Musk to stay out of the midterm elections, threatening "very serious consequences" if he backed Democrats in the campaign. **A5**

◆ **Some of the nation's** wealthiest universities hope to avoid a huge potential tax increase by pitching a plan to Congress to spend more of their own money. **A1**

◆ **Republican anger** over Harvard's links to China gained traction, focusing on a 2023 event in Kunming co-hosted by one of the university's professors. **A6**

◆ **Israel is putting** more women soldiers into combat roles, helping to relieve the military's acute personnel shortage after 20 months of war against Hamas in Gaza. **A8**

◆ **Taiwan embarked** on a



Members of the California National Guard tried to clear protesters near a detention center in downtown Los Angeles Sunday.

## Guardsmen Sent by Trump Confront Protesters in L.A.

Military response to immigration standoff comes against the wishes of Newsom

BY GINGER ADAMS OTIS AND JACK MORPHET

National Guard troops faced off with protesters in Los Angeles on Sunday, a day after President Trump mobilized the Guard against the wishes of California's governor to deal with two days of skirmishes over federal immigration operations.

California's 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team sent

300 soldiers to three locations in the Los Angeles area to protect federal agents and property. In all, Trump has said he would deploy some 2,000 National Guard troops to the city. Outside a federal detention center, television footage Sunday showed a line of National Guard troops and other federal officers facing off with a loose throng of people holding signs and flags.

The deployment of troops under federal authority in response to civil unrest is a rare step, one that usually requires the president to find under the Insurrection Act that they are needed to enforce the law or restore order.

The National Guard forces were deployed under the orders of the federal government, known as Title 10 authority, a U.S. Northern Command spokesman said.

As the soldiers stationed themselves at federal facilities in Los Angeles on mostly quiet streets early Sunday, the war of words between the Trump administration and California officials escalated.

Trump, a Republican, used a social-media post to thank the National Guard and blame what he called an incompetent governor and Los Angeles mayor whom he called "unable to handle the task."

Defense Secretary Pete Heg-

seth said on X that active-duty Marines at Camp Pendleton in Southern California were on high alert and would be sent to reinforce the National Guard if violence continued.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said the threat to deploy active-duty Marines on American soil was "deranged behavior."

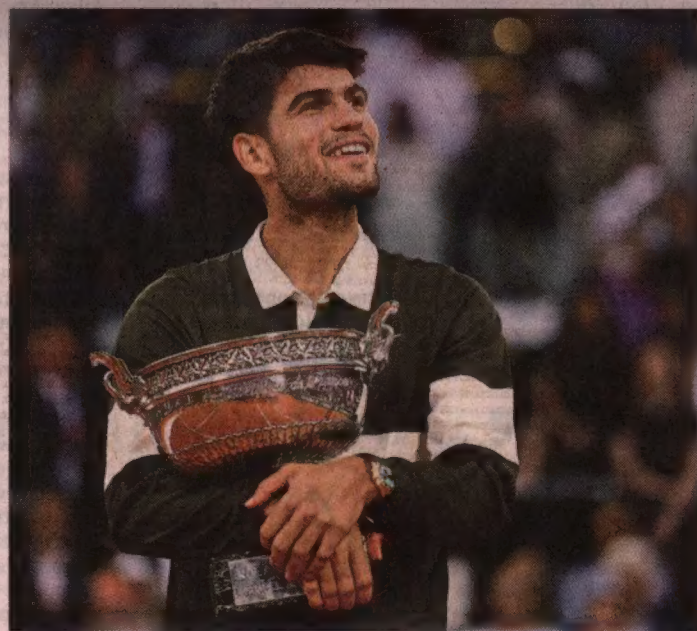
Trump's order was intended to "manufacture a crisis. He's hoping for chaos so he can justify more crack-downs, more fear, more control," the Democratic govern-

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◆ **Little restraint on using** active-duty troops..... **A7**

## An Open And Shut Victory

**OOH LA LA:** Spain's Carlos Alcaraz held the French Open trophy at the Roland-Garros Complex in Paris on Sunday after winning the men's singles final match against Italy's Jannik Sinner, coming back from two sets down—and winning a pair of tiebreakers—to claim a second consecutive Grand Slam title. **A14**



## Colleges Propose Spending Increase To Limit Tax Hike

BY JULIET CHUNG AND RICHARD RUBIN

Some of the nation's wealthiest universities are hoping to avoid a huge potential tax hike by pitching an alternative plan to Congress: a pledge to spend more of their own money.

The current version of President Trump's tax bill, which passed the House last month, includes a hefty, 21% annual tax on the wealth-

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